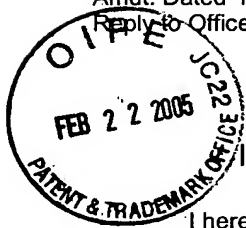


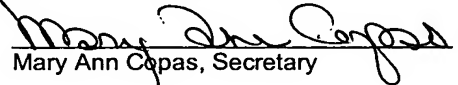
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/17/2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix A** including sketches of the device of the cited reference to Castleman is attached following page 9 of this paper.